

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1 (currently amended) Fine particles<sub>1</sub> comprising:  
at least one ~~type~~ polymer selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin or and  
a polyolefin copolymer<sub>1</sub>; and  
at least one ~~type of~~ magnetic material<sub>1</sub>;  
wherein the particles ~~being~~ are substantially spherical particles having a density of  
0.9 to 1.5 g/cc and an average particle size of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1,000  $\mu\text{m}$ <sub>1</sub>; and  
the particles ~~having~~ have a functional group on the particle surface a functional  
group.
- 2 (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 1, wherein the  
polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of a polypropylene, and/or a polyethylene, and  
mixtures thereof, and the polyolefin copolymer is selected from the group consisting of a  
propylene copolymer<sub>1</sub>, ~~and/or~~ an ethylene copolymer<sub>1</sub>, and mixtures thereof.
- 3 (currently amended) The fine particles according to either Claim 1 or 2, wherein  
the functional group is at least one ~~type~~ group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl  
group, an amino group, a hydroxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, and a glycidyl group.
- 4 (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 3, wherein the  
functional group is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) a functional group in a graft polymer formed by subjecting particles to surface graft polymerization,

(2) a functional group bonded to an aliphatic hydrocarbon that ~~has been kneaded with the particles and~~ is present on the particle surface, ~~or~~ ; and

(3) a functional group in a ~~monomer that has been~~ comonomeric unit copolymerized into ~~a main chain of~~ the polyolefin copolymer.

5        (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~4~~ 2, wherein the average particle size is 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6        (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~5~~ 2, wherein the density is 1.0 to 1.1 g/cc.

7        (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~6~~ 2, wherein the magnetic material is a soft magnetic material.

8        (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~7~~ 2, wherein the magnetic material is a superparamagnetic substance.

9        (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 7, wherein the soft magnetic material is selected from the group consisting of a manganese-zinc ferrite, ~~and/or~~ a nickel-zinc ferrite, and a mixture thereof.

10       (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~9~~ 2, wherein the content of the magnetic material is 10 to 25 wt % relative to the total weight of the fine particles.